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some of that was negotiated, others was not negotiated but that is the way it ended up.

SENATOR HILGERT: Did the Nebraska Association of Public Employees represent the state workers in the...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...negotiations?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes. Well, those that are part of the unit, yes.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay, so the union did negotiate for this increase in wages. Did...does this raise also apply to those state employees who are not a member of NAPE?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, it would have ended up that way.

SENATOR HILGERT: And was there any cost in the negotiation process incurred on behalf of NAPE to your knowledge?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Not that I know of.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I would like to visit with Senator Wehrbein a minute, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein, will you respond?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Being a neophyte bookkeeper, I need to have you explain o t me, in the little chart there, it is called Table 20, the increase appears to almost double from 1997-'98 to 1998-'99. Am I reading that right?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I know the way we do our budgets is the